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Editorially Speaking

Money Matters

Money, when it has to do with the church, has always been a particularly delicate matter. This is rather needless because money and Christianity mix very well.

Especially on tithing there should be no misunderstanding or complication. To the believer who desires to please God and live according to the Word, it is a sut and dried matter — one tenth of his income. Those with lesser motives will quibble on this amount.

The attitude we assume in giving, either tithes or offerings, can serve as a barometer to our Christian experience. If a man feels he is keeping so little for himself and giving so much to God after paying his tithes, he had better get down and ask God to do something for him spiritually. But, I am sure the man who feels he keeps so much for himself and gives so little to God after having paid his tithes, is more apt to be in close fellowship with the Lord.

I have seen it many times, and I am sure you have too, where a faithful tither always has enough to meet his financial obligations. On the other hand there are those not quite as faithful, although many times making much more money, who never seem to have anything left over. To the worldly budgeteer this simply should not be. However, it has been the case too many times to be denied.

Aside from any other reasons, there is a joy and satisfaction in giving to the work of God that makes it well worthwhile. It is our opportunity to invest in something that is not completely There is a day coming when most of the money we spend now will represent absolutely nothing. Let's put the important things first.

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The Cover Picture

Obviously, in a moment of mixed emotions, the James Bellmore family posed briefly just before boarding the plane on their way to Africa. They are our newest missionaries from this District.



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Acts 10:36: "The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)"

Winston Churchill, while commenting on the failure of world disarmament negotiations, used a clever story. "Once upon a time," he said, "all the animals in the zoo decided they would disarm, and they arranged to hold a conference to decide the matter.

"The rhinoceros said that the use of teeth in war was barbarous and horrible, and ought strictly to be prohibited by general consent. Horns, which were mainly defensive weapons, would of course have to be allowed.

"The buffalo, stag, and porcupine said they would vote with the rhino, but the lion and tiger took a different view. They defended teeth, and even claws, as honorable weapons.

"Then the bear spoke up. He proposed that both teeth and horns should be banned. It would be quite enough if animals would be allowed to give each other a good hug when they quarreled. No one could object to that. It was so fraternal, and would be a great step toward world peace. However, all the other animals were offended with the bear, and they fell into a perfect panic."

The parable would be amusing, if it were not so terribly true! We all want peace, but we all wish to dictate the terms of the peace.

I am convinced that there is a great hunger of mind and thirst of soul on the part of the average man for peace with God! All humanity is crying for guidance, comfort and peace. Men are seeking the answer to confusion, moral sickness and spiritual emptiness. We are told we live in an "age of anxiety." Historians point out there have been few times in all history when man has been subject to **SO MUCH FEAR and ANXIETY**. We talk of peace, but we are confronted with war.

In this spirit of the age many books have been written to calm the mind and spirit. The great Albert Schweitzer has just written *Peace or Atomic Warfare*. Billy Graham has written the spiritual answer in his book *Peace With God*.

For generations we have tried various paths to seek peace. Each time we have told ourselves, "This path is the right one" — but each time we have been wrong! The first **PATH** we chose was labeled:

I. PATH OF POLITICAL FREEDOM — Give everyone political free-



PERMANENT PEACE

by **DAVE PETERS**

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

dom, we said, and the world will become happy and joyful. Let us select our own leaders and our government and this will make life worth living. One day we achieved political freedom but we didn't necessarily achieve a better world. Our newspapers are filled with reports of corruption in high places, of favoritism, of deceiving the public in the recent television scandal and even bribery in the field of radio.

Political freedom is a precious and important thing to us in America and we should certainly be thankful, but it alone **CANNOT** give us the kind of world we long for.

II. There was another very helpful path marked **EDUCATION**. Many put their whole faith in education.

Political freedom coupled with **EDUCATION** will do the trick, they said.

Let us remember that the **PATH OF EDUCATION** is a necessary and sensible path and I would be the last one to discourage proper education. **BUT** where has this path led us? You know the answer. We are the most informed people in the history of civilization and yet the most **MISERABLE**. Our *heads* are crammed with all kinds of knowledge, but our *hearts* are empty, seeking for truth and peace.

Last year over 135 million dollars

were spent by thousands of frantic, frightened Americans on **FORTUNE-TELLERS** and were given the wrong answer to their lives!

Almost 17,000 suicides were recorded last year right here in the educated United States of America. **EDUCATION ALONE cannot bring the peace we are searching for.**

III. Then the brightest, most inviting path of all was the path marked **HIGHER STANDARDS OF LIVING**. Almost everyone felt this path would automatically make a better world. This was the sure answer. This path would never fail!

This was the path that led you through the beautiful color magazine advertisements past all the shining new cars, past gleaming rows of refrigerators and freezers, past luscious food cooked in copper bottomed pots.

We knew this path of **HIGHER STANDARDS OF LIVING** was the answer — this was the jackpot. All right, look around you this very minute. At this very moment you see America has *political freedom* — to an extent that is undreamed of in many parts of the world. We have the most far-reaching **EDUCATION** system that man has ever created, and we are eulogized at home and abroad for our *high standard of living*. But has all this made us happy?

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Has it brought us lasting peace and the satisfaction that we are seeking? Emphatically, NO!

There are other paths which many are traveling, the path of FAME, FORTUNE, PLEASURE and POWER, but none of them lead us anywhere but deeper into the mire. Many are floundering and lost — seeking true reality and peace in their lives.

SO WHERE ARE WE? We are a nation of empty people with our heads crammed with knowledge. We've made great progress, but within our souls is a spiritual vacuum. Why are we EMPTY? BECAUSE THE CREATOR MADE US FOR HIMSELF AND WE SHALL NEVER FIND COMPLETENESS AND LASTING HAPPINESS APART FROM CHRIST.

Isaiah 57:21 declares, There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

The New Testament word for PEACE means literally "To bind together." This peace or "binding together" has been accomplished by Jesus Christ through His death on the cross. God says, in words impossible to misunderstand, "And having made PEACE through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself." (Col. 1:20). Paul tells us in Ephesians 2:14, "For He (the Lord Jesus Christ) is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us."

In spite of today's progress, man remains just as he was in the beginning. He is still under the curse of sin, for the Bible declares man, "is born in sin and shapen in iniquity." The result of sin still bring a reproach and death. MAN is just the same basically, as in the beginning, despite his progress, education, higher standards of living.

Then there's a second fact — that SIN STILL REMAINS UNCHANGEABLE. Billy Graham, in his book *Peace With God*, had this to say about sin, and I quote.

"Sin too, has remained unchanged, although man has done his best to alter it. We've tried to dress it up with other names. We've put new labels on the same old bottle of poi-

son. We've tried to whitewash the old barn and pretend it was another building. We've tried calling sin "errors" or "mistakes" or "poor judgment" but sin itself has stayed the same. No matter how we try to salve our conscience, we've known all along that men are still sinners; and the results of sin are still disease, disappointment, disillusionment, despair and death." (page 13)

Finally a third and most glorious fact is found in Hebrews 13:8 which states, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever." All other things may change, but Christ remains the same. His love for you has never changed. He came to bring peace to your soul. It is Christ, and Christ alone, who has the answer to your permanent peace.

In 1829 George Wilson was sentenced in Pennsylvania to be hanged by the United States Supreme Court for robbing the mails and for murder. Andrew Jackson, as president of the United States, pardoned him, but Wilson refused the pardon and insisted that it was not a pardon unless he accepted it. That was a point of law never before raised in the U.S.A. The Attorney General said the law was silent on the point. The President was urged to call upon the Supreme Court to decide the point at once, as the sheriff must know whether or not to hang Wilson. Chief Justice John Marshall, one of our greatest jurists, gave the following decision: "A pardon is a paper, the value of which depends upon its acceptance by the person implicated. It is hardly to be supposed that one under sentence of death would refuse to accept a pardon, but if it is refused, it is no pardon. George Wilson must be hanged." And he was hanged. Who was responsible? No one but the man himself.

Peace and pardon have been accomplished for you in Christ. This PERMANENT PEACE is yours to accept — or otherwise it will be just a piece of paper.

Therefore being justified by faith, we have PEACE with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:1.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. Isa. 26:3.

THE QUEST FOR PEACE

When men continue to be at enmity against God and refuse to recognize His authority, they "fight like cats and dogs," and "the way of peace they have not known." But cats and dogs, who recognize the same master, will eat out of the same dish and lie down to sleep together. It is not an

uncommon sight at our farm home to see our sheep dog curled up on the doorstep asleep with two half-grown cats curled up on top of him, sleeping in undisturbed tranquility. The secret is that they know the same master.

—Willard M. Aldrich.

The first step in any church building program is to ascertain the specific needs of the congregation. To plan a building and hope to fit a program into it is to get the cart before the horse; the church's needs and objectives must first be determined, then the building planned to meet the requirements of the program. Within a denomination the general pattern is much the same, but no two churches are identical, each having its specific needs.

PRELIMINARY STEPS

A congregation is not ready to see an architect or even to appoint a building committee until it has made an appraisal of its own needs. While building committees have fulfilled this function, it can hardly be delegated to an architect or builder. This survey should be an all-church procedure, and avoid the limitations that might be placed upon it by a building committee, which faces the universal temptation of moving too rapidly and independently.

There must be some organization of the local church for realizing the structure that will best fit its needs and ideals. Three principal phases are recognized, the first two of which may be concurrent: 1) the visualization of the building in terms of the site, style of building, activities to be bound, estimated attendance, etc.; 2) the setting up of the financing, or fund-raising program; and 3) the actual erection of the building.

The best beginning then is an organization which will direct a survey of all the departments of church work. In a sense, this should be a committee of the whole church, but appointment of a smaller survey committee will give direction. A good approach for this group would be to 1) study various books and articles in religious journals on modern church building; 2) to visit new churches in near by areas to discover how others have solved similar problems; and 3) to consult with each department of the church — Sunday school and Christian Education, Christ's Ambassadors, Women's Missionary Council, Men's Fellowship, Choir and music, etc., to discover what each desires and expects in the new church building. All the needs of the congregation should be listed. Long-range requirements and ideals should be considered. To think in terms of the ideal typifies sound reason, as well as vision and faith. Some provisions or facilities may be eliminated later if available funds are inadequate. The total plan should be considered and if all can not be pro-

vided at first, other facilities may be added later.

THE SURVEY

Remember that the architect's task is to adapt his design to the program of the church; he is not to create a program. This necessitates an evaluation and this survey work is the one which usually gets the least attention. People attend church all their lives and are not aware that some patterns of church building are much more desirable than others. Church designs must be tailored to fit congregations as well as objectives. Recommendations arising out of a survey will provide the designer with important and essential data. The committee on survey may wish to employ a church planning or building consultant who can help it appraise its own needs in the light of experiences



PART II.

Organizing The Building Program

Here is more helpful information for the church preparing to build.

by Martin H. Heicksen *

of other churches. This service is usually comparatively inexpensive, the consultant being paid a *per diem* rate.

Seating requirements provide the first index to the size of building needed. Planning of the seating capacity depends upon two factors: present attendance and anticipated growth. The first is fairly simple, but a realistic estimate of the potential for growth is much more difficult, requiring some community research. The congregation must examine its own program and outreach, in addition to analyzing community trends. Size of the church cannot be based on the attendance at special occasions. Cost must be kept in mind and is always mainly related to size of structure. Frequently some plan that provides for overflow seating in an adjoining chapel or hall is highly desirable. A rough way of computing the space requirement for a given number of people is to allow nine square feet per person, which provides for aisles. The only accurate way is to draw a floor plan to scale. Pews must be set a minimum of 32 inches back to back, with 20 inches

of seating space per person.

Educational requirements are reflected in the need of facilities, classrooms, assembly rooms, and equipment for Sunday school, vacation Bible school, released time school, etc. Planning of this very important area of church school activity with reference to present trends of space organization will be dealt with in a separate article in this series.

Facilities for young people's activities; general fellowship and recreation, including kitchen and dining space; for music and choir; and for administration and consultation, will also receive more detailed attention in subsequent issues of *Glad Tidings Magazine*. It is important in the preliminary survey that nothing be overlooked, and that each activity of the church be provided for as adequately as possible within the framework of its relative importance and the building budget. Long range planning will lead toward the ultimate attainment of the ideal church plant.

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

With the preliminary steps of survey and the selection of tentative objectives accomplished, the next step may well be the appointment of the actual building committee. This com-

mittee should not have the added burden of selling the idea of a new church. Neither should it as a rule have the responsibility of administering the financial campaign or of directing the program of public relations and other promotion. The specific task of the building committee is to take the material provided by the preliminary survey, and in the light of it to study plans of churches so as to be familiar with possible solutions to average problems. It should be clear to this group that its task does not include actual planning of the building in the sense of technical design. *The building committee is never a substitute for a competent architect or designer.* A further specific of the committee is to make selection of and engage an architect, to make contracts with the builders in the name of the church, and to supervise the construction in the sense of seeing that the building is properly erected and the interests of the congregation protected. They have a difficult task at best, and can be most effective if the groundwork has been well done.

A good building committee should be representative of the whole church, and since it acts in executive

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*Chairman, District Building and Land committee.

San Francisco Community Assembly Holds Dedication

The newly completed sanctuary of the Community Assembly of God in San Francisco was dedicated April 3 in special services. Rev. Joseph L. Gerhart, district superintendent, was guest speaker.

Community Church was founded by Rev. Robert Cavallini and has grown in the past two years from about 30 in Sunday School to 160. As the church outgrew its facilities they found it necessary to enlarge. The congregation is looking to the future with still more plans for expansion.

The dedication service was attended by many friends of the church in the area. Rev. and Mrs. Cavallini sang a duet and music was also provided by the church choir under Milo Netzler's direction. Rev. Gerhart delivered the dedicatory message. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Floyd Thomas.

R. M. Riggs Joins Bethany Faculty

The Rev. Ralph M. Riggs, retiring General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God will join the faculty of Bethany Bible College in the second semester of the 1960-61 academic year. Rev. Riggs has served since 1953 in the highest post of his denomination. From 1945 until 1953 while serving as an Assistant General Superintendent, he also held the portfolio of Secretary of Education for the Assemblies of God and in this office was instrumental in the forward move of Assemblies of God colleges across the nation. He was a participant in the founding of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, the official accrediting agency for Bible colleges in America which now accredits almost 40 schools.

Rev. Riggs served several terms in South Africa as a missionary and on his return to the United States became pastor of the Central Assembly of God in Springfield, Missouri. While there he also served on the faculty of Central Bible Institute. Later, as General Superintendent, he became Chairman of the Board of Directors of that school.

In great demand as a Bible conference speaker and seminar leader for many minister's institutes, Rev. Riggs will continue his field ministry during the summer and fall of each year and will join the faculty of Bethany Bible College for the spring semester. He will teach Pastoral Theology and other related courses to the practical ministry. Author of a number of books read widely in the Assemblies of God among which are, "The Spirit Himself," "This We Believe," "The Successful Sunday School," and "A Successful Minister." Rev. Riggs will also devote a portion of his time to writing still more books portraying the genius of the full gospel movement.

At the same time it was announced Rev. David Paco, native of Hawaii and 1959 graduate of Bethany Bible College, Santa Cruz, California, has been added to the staff of Bethany as Director of Public Relations serving directly under the President, Dr. C. C. Burnett.

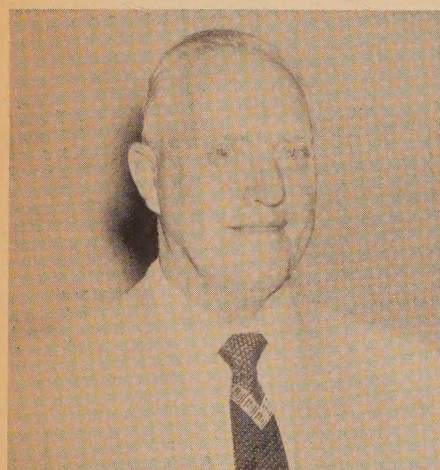
Our strength is shown in the things we stand for; our weakness is shown in the things we fall for.

Practice makes perfect — so be careful what you practice.



Rev. and Mrs. Cavallini

Lafayette Chosen As New C.E.F. Project



R. A. Work

Church Extension Fellowship has singled out the Lafayette Assembly of God as the next church for which a "call" will be made. This will be the sixth "call" in the past three years.

Rev. Ruben A. Wilson, assistant superintendent and director of C.E.F., has designated May as the month in which the call will be made. A call is the appeal which goes to all C.E.F.

members and other interested people to contribute \$2.00 each toward a particular pioneer church.

Lafayette, with a population of over 21,000, has long been a needy field and suffered for lack of an adequate building. In October of 1955 Rev. Charles Bradbury was called as pastor. The next year the church purchased property for \$5,000.00. It is presently evaluated at four times that amount. In their endeavor to either find a place of worship or build on their church site, they have met with strong opposition for the past few years. At long last plans have been approved and they are now ready to build.

Rev. R. A. Work has been called as pastor and Brother Bradbury will work as associate pastor. Brother Work has had much experience in founding and building churches and is now setting about to use this knowledge at Lafayette.

The call for Lafayette offers you an opportunity to have a part in pioneering the gospel. Please respond when the call is made in your church.

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## W. M. C. RETREAT

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MARGARET ERICKSON, Speaker

# Religious Liberty Tested In El Salvador Revival



Minister of Interior J. William Trabanino, left, appears to make a public statement concerning the gospel meetings. He faces Missionary Paul Finkenbinder. Missionary Arthur Lindvall looks on from behind.

In the face of revolutions and counter-revolutions in Central and South America, the spirit of revival is continuing to grow. Last month in Santa Ana, El Salvador for the first time Assemblies of God missionaries were able to carry on outdoor evangelistic meetings without being stopped. In the past, evangelists have been halted by the authorities after several meetings.

However, at the end of the third week of the meetings in which Evangelist Stanley P. MacPherson was speaker complaints were filed. Brother MacPherson was called in to the immigration office for questioning. Upon his release he was ordered not to preach publicly. Missionary Paul Finkenbinder took his place that evening.

The next day many of the Christians in Santa Ana marched to the government building and outside the office of the Minister of Interior J. William Trabanino staged a silent and well organized demonstration. After some time the Minister of Interior appeared and read a statement. "There has probably been misinterpretation in this case. We are not trying to stop your evangelistic activities, it is only an investigation of them. I am surprised that you became so disturbed, but appreciate the fact that you have given me the opportunity to greet you personally. El Salvador enjoys full liberty of services. Let Mr. MacPherson keep on preaching. If the good people about



The group of Christians which gathered in front of the government building. Their demonstration was silent and well organized.

you have confidence in you, and in God, keep teaching them love, peace and brotherhood."

As a result of this and the public notice it brought, many people came to the meeting and many were saved. Also, out of this campaign two new churches have grown.

Continue in earnest prayer for the evangelists and missionaries in these countries during their crucial hour.

## Latin American Orphanage Selects Five New Directors

In their recent annual directors' meeting the Latin American Orphanage elected Wesley Steelberg, Dean Duncan, H. Kenneth Wise, Nelson Hinman and Floyd L. Hawkins to the executive committee. Other directors are Robert Fierro, C. M. Ward, A. E. Nelli and General Narciso Medina Estrada. Floyd Hawkins devotes his entire time to the general direction of the work in the United States and Mexico.

Two house trailers, each large enough to sleep four persons, are urgently needed as living quarters for two young missionary couples and their families. Tax credit, as well as missionary credit, can be given for donations of such equipment.

The trailers would be imported into Mexico immediately and placed in the orphanage's new trailer town.

## PERSONAL MENTION

DWIGHT BURCHETT, now pastoring in Carson City, Nevada wishes to thank the churches and individuals who have helped him in his effort there.

EVANGELIST ERIC JOHNSON, graduate of Bethany Bible College, '22, has been holding revival meetings in Santa Clara, Bethel Church of San Jose and Campbell.

EVANGELIST W. E. KERN held a revival at Meridian (near Bakersfield) for Pastor Bertie McCoy. Fifteen were saved and four received the Holy Spirit.

JOHN McPHERSON held a successful revival for Pastor Marvin Kilgore in Exeter in March.

PASTOR WESLEY STEELBERG reports guest speakers Al Garr, Fulton Buntain, Mark Hinman and a revival campaign with Ernie Reb.

IRA VANHOUTEN is working among the indians of New Mexico. They were able to reach 75 families to give out gospel literature as they distributed used clothing. Children's clothing is badly needed and can be sent free through Navajo Lines.

PASTOR R. A. WORK of Lafayette held a revival meeting in Costa Mesa for Pastor Chronic — March 13-26.

BORN TO Rev. and Mrs. P. C. Robinson — Mark Byron, Feb. 29. Rev. and Mrs. Ardon Schmidt — Douglas Paul, March 28.

MILDRED HOWARD AND HAZEL YOUNGMAN have been in charge of the Beginner and Junior Departments in the Lincoln Neighborhood Church, Stockton, under the leadership of Pastor E. O. Robeck.

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**MAY 29 TO JUNE 5**

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Gene Forrest

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## News from Our Churches —

### BETHANY PARK —

Craig Memorial Chapel continues to minister with the added feature of radio on KDON Salinas, 1460 kc on Sunday at 6 p. m. Recent speakers were faculty members May Swanson and Fred Greve. The former Light-bearers Quartet ministered April 3. L. Thomas Holdcroft is pastor and Everett Wilson associate.

### CARMICHAEL —

Pastor William Vickery of Northland was guest speaker for Pastor L. W. Suter at a home missions service in March. Missionary Hal Lehmann of Ghana ministered April 3. Evangelists John Bueno and Bill Stewart held a youth revival April 10-27.

### CARSON CITY, NEV. —

Pastor Dwight Burchett reports four saved in the past month. Men's Fellowship vice-president, Gunnar Sondeno, was guest speaker recently and the Sunday School is growing.

### CUPERTINO —

Evangelist Everett Stenhouse held a revival with Pastor Houston Baker recently. The Sunday school shows a substantial increase, 16 were saved or reclaimed. Five received the Holy Spirit and several testified to definite healings. The revival continued with 7 more saved. The teenage Sunday School class has gone from an average of 5 or 6 to over 20.

### DELHI —

Evangelist J. D. Smith recently held a meeting when several were saved and the church blessed. In March ground was broken for a new parsonage. Otto Bell is pastor.

### GRASS VALLEY —

Several were saved, backsliders reclaimed and healings experienced in the Earl Anderson revival meetings held for Pastor Don North in February. At least 15 received the Holy Spirit. Souls have been saved nearly every week since the meeting closed. Dr. C. C. Burnett with Music Director Forrest Beiser and Bethany Bible College Choir were guests March 20.

### GRIDLEY —

Evangelist Eddie Kramer held a joint training course for Gridley and Biggs in January. Later a joint banquet was held with 39 present. Sunday School Representative for North

Sacramento Section, Truvon Rogers, was speaker. Oscar Arnesen is pastor of Biggs and Hazen E. Chester is the Gridley pastor.

### GUSTINE —

Pastor Eugene Fields reports a week of meetings with John McPherson in January. Evangelist Eddie Washington held a revival in April. The Sunday School has been averaging 125.

### HAYWARD —

Bethel Assembly held a revival meeting with Evangelist Bill McPherson May 8-15. James Swanson is pastor.

### KEYS —

Pastor C. J. Brown reports two weeks of revival with Evangelist S. G. Cox in January. In February Orville Painter conducted a Teachers Training Course and 26 certificates were given. The Sunday school now has 178 in attendance.

### MODESTO —

Bethel Church heard R. J. Renfroe, missionary to Liberia. L. W. Lewis is pastor.

### MODESTO —

Central Assembly Pastor, Coy Nickleson, reports a revival meeting with Evangelist Claude Asher in April.

### NORTH HIGHLANDS —

Capitol Section Fellowship Meeting was held Mar. 14 with Pastors Carroll Holloway of Galt and Lloyd Thomas of San Francisco speaking. Glenn Parks is pastor and Robert Pirtle is presbyter.

### NORTHLAND —

Pastor William O. Vickery reports Dr. C. C. Burnett, Paul Pipkin, Eddie and Ruth Washington have ministered there in recent weeks. The Assembly was host to an area training course with San Rafael, Mill Valley and Petaluma. The March North Bay Fellowship Meeting was held in Northland and featured the American Indian Fellowship with George Effman.

### OAKLAND —

Bethel Assembly heard Evangelist Jimmy Mayo, Jr. of Atlanta, Ga. Apr. 12-24. The pastor is E. L. Ayres.

### OAKLAND —

Calvary Temple enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist Bill McPherson in a 15 day revival. There were outstanding conversions and a number of young people received the Holy Spirit. Oliver Foth is pastor.

### PLEASANT HILL —

Property has been purchased for a chapel. A six-room house is being used for services and a Sunday school started. C. L. Paasch is pastor.

### ROSEVILLE —

First Assembly held their annual Indian Gospel Pow-wow with Chief Yunsane (John McPherson) in April. He was evening speaker on April 3 and Dr. James Rider spoke in the morning service. Robert Pirtle is pastor.

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## DISTRICT REVIVALTIME RERORT

JOSEPH L. GERHART, Representative

### FEBRUARY

From First of Year

### TOP FIVE GIVERS (Church and Personal Offerings)

|                          |          |                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|
| Lodi, First .....        | \$104.45 | Modesto, Bethel .....    | \$538.31 |
| Las Vegas, Trinity ..... | 66.00    | Lodi, First .....        | 196.23   |
| Eureka, First .....      | 59.50    | Las Vegas, Trinity ..... | 132.00   |
| Sonora, A/G .....        | 42.75    | Santa Rosa, First .....  | 60.00    |
| Hayward, Bethel .....    | 27.00    | Eureka, First .....      | 59.50    |

### TOTAL GIVING

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#### ALASKA —

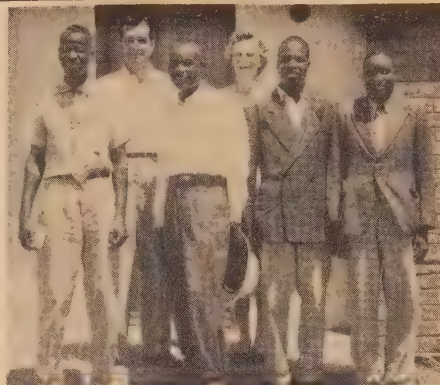
Agnes Rodli, Fairbanks, has left for Tuktoyaktuk, N. T., a village on the Arctic coast, to hold meetings for several months. She will live in a native tent and covets prayer for a moving of the Holy Spirit.

#### ALASKA —

David and Edith Schmidt, Petersburg, returned from the States to their field of labor in December. Meetings with the Oscar Butterfields were held in February. Three young mothers, a teenage boy and a young father were saved. The Schmidts live on the coast and are able to add fish as well as venison to their diet.

#### CENTRAL AFRICA —

Paul and Miriam Wright, Nyasaland, have been in Africa for three years of their present term. They are building in Limbeand hope to soon



begin a church in Zomba the capitol. Pray for a needed \$2,000 on this new project. This is an important year for Nyasaland politically and prayer is requested for a revival even in this time of stress.

#### FIJI ISLANDS —

A. M. Heetebray, Suva, writes of a

desperate need in the literature department. The high cost of paper makes it almost prohibitive to print. Money sent through Springfield for this need will be forwarded. The door is still open in Fiji, but the time may be short.

#### INDIA —

Eileen Edwards, Hardoi, is at present at Childer's Lodge. The past months she has held evangelistic services on the plains in North India. Eileen writes about a wedding of two former students at Hardoi when she gave the bride away. Since their graduation the groom has been graduated from Banaras University and is presently working with radio and literature in Landour.

#### SOUTH AFRICA —

Lewis and Lenore Wilson, Transvaal, write that their visas were renewed for another six months. Their Easter speaking engagement was changed to another town because of the rioting. Tensions in the country have brought an uncertainty as to the future. Pray for God's best for the African Training Institute.

#### SOUTH AMERICA —

Arthur Erickson, Peru, reports  
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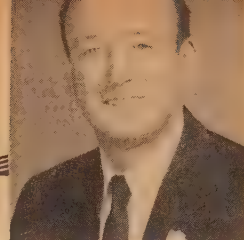
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## Why Stand Ye Here All The Day Idle

by

Gunnar Sondeno, Vice President  
Northern Calif. & Nevada District  
Men's Fellowship



"Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto Him, because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, 'go ye also into the vineyard' Matthed 20:6, 7.

Just before Christ's ascent He commissioned His disciples, who were all laymen, with these words, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16: 15. With this personal command, people everywhere by word of mouth began telling the good news of salvation. As Satan's kingdom became threatened, he tried to stop this advance of the Christian church by persecution and violence. The example of these faithful martyrs only stirred men to greater efforts and it is estimated by historians that 75% of the known world became christianized during that time.

To defeat the spread of the gospel satan hit upon another idea. He would overemphasize the divine distinction between Christian servants by dividing the church into two groups. A large group called the *laity* and a small group called the *clergy*. The work of the ministry was placed in the hands of the small professional clergy and the laity was encouraged to go to sleep; and to sleep it went.

Twelve centuries of the Dark Ages followed. The Reformation of the Sixteenth Century, and the invention of the printing press helped to save the situation. People began to read the Bible and to realize that they could have their own priesthood before God. The yoke was partially

broken and scattered revivals broke out which led eventually to the great revivals which followed. The *clergy-laity* division, however, is still with us today, with the result that we have an increasing *lazy laity* and an overburdened and overworked clergy.

The inactivity of the main body of believers should be the real cause for concern. The Church has been challenged with a commission that *involves every single individual*. The personal ministry must be restored to each one of us who goes to make up this mystical organism, the church, with each one taking up His challenge to, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

"Go ye therefore and make disciples" is not an idle challenge. It means that we are to go into enemy territory and make converts. The Lord has stated that we are to "Go out into the highways and the hedges and compel them to come in, *that my house may be filled.*" It is a commando operation and requires training and planning. The local church should be the barracks where Christ's troops are readied for combat. Pulpit-centered oratory is not enough. Matthew 9:38 states that the labourers are to be sent forth into His harvest. But they must be sent forth prepared. It has been reliably estimated that ninety percent of professing Christians have never led a single soul to Christ, and if we were to carry this survey a little farther we would find to our amazement that about the same percentage would not know how

to introduce another person to Christ by the Word. The lack of proper training has been the most serious deterrent in fulfilling this commission. Also the laity has not considered this their function, but has placed this entire burden on the pastor, whom they consider is being paid for the job.

A year and a half ago when the District Men's Fellowship was established, the burden of personal soul winning was evident in the hearts of the newly appointed officers. A program was set in motion to stimulate this activity among the laymen of our movement. The statement "Winning Men For Christ" became the motto. The middle words beginning with "M" and "F" stand for "Men's Fellowship." In other words, the Men's Fellowship organization is wrapped up in this motto of "Winning Men For Christ" which is its main objective. To do this a rediscovery of the personal ministry was necessary. Men still need to be won to Christ and the best way to do this is to lead them *one by one*. It was the Lord's method, it was the method of the disciples, and the method of the early church. The romance of this form of evangelism is that everyone can do it.

Laymen, this is a call to action! We need to work arm in arm with our pastors to get the job done. The day of golden opportunity for the soul winner is here. The Lord of the vineyard has said, "Go ye also into the vineyard; and *whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive* . . . Why stand ye here all the day idle?" . . . "Go Ye."

The *sleeping giant* of Pentecost today is the *Idle Laity*. When the individual church member realizes his responsibility to the *great commission* and becomes equipped with the *tools* for winning and building men for Christ and *knows how* to use them; only then can we expect First Century results in this church conscious but materialistic 20th Century.

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# MISSIONARIES AT HOME

By MARGARET BOND

## ATWOOD, ELAINE —

Mrs. Elaine (Daniels) Atwood writes us that her husband has received his approval of appointment for missionary work in Uruguay from the Foreign Missions Department in Springfield. They are continuing their ministry in San Antonio while making their final arrangements for going to the field.

## COOPER, PAUL —

The Paul Coopers are spending a short period of time in the States in order to present some urgent challenges of their field.

## DEMETRUS, PAUL —

A letter from Springfield advises us "that approval has been given for Brother Demetrus to minister in Europe for several months during the summer. He will be ministering particularly to Slavic peoples in Iron Curtain countries. He will be gathering materials for use in future broadcasts, and will be evaluating the reception of the programs in that part of Western Europe to which he will have free access." Regular reports from the field indicate that the ministry of these broadcasts in the Russian language is meeting a great need.

## ERICKSON, WALTER —

The Ericksons are endeavoring to contact as many of their friends and supporting churches as possible before returning to Peru.

## GOOD, LELAND —

Encouraging progress has been made by the Goods in their endeavor to secure support and equipment in order to leave for Bolivia by Fall.

## LEHMANN, HAROLD —

After ministering in a number of Speed-the-Light rallies Brother Lehmann was out of the District for a time. He is planning to attend the camps and hopes to sail for Africa in July.

## KREISS, MISS INEZ —

Miss Kreiss is scheduled to itinerate in the Peninsula Section the first part of June.

## LUCE, MAURICE —

Brother Luce will itinerate in Coast Counties the latter part of May and first of June.

## PIPKIN, PAUL —

Brother Pipkin has recently participated in missionary conventions in Livermore, Oakland, Calvary, and Marysville, Bethel Temple.

## RENFROE, ROBERT —

Brother Renfroe is assisting Brother Cantelon in his Missions Televised program for a short time.

## SONDENO, FREDOLF —

The Sondenoes are spending a short time in Florida after which they will attend the Orientation School in Springfield.

## STEWART, MELVIN —

The Stewards are now home and living at Mission Villa. They may be reached through the District office.

## WILLIAMS, RALPH —

A brief itinerary has been planned for Brother Williams in our District to assist him and his wife to go to Venezuela by August on a special assignment there for a period of about two years.

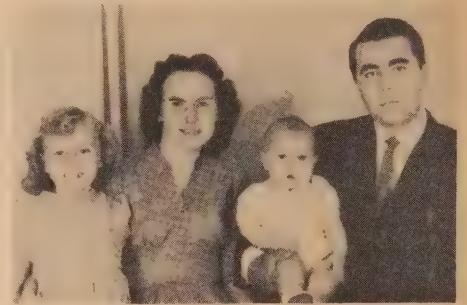
# Missionaries Abroad

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more have received the Holy Spirit and on different occasions visions were seen. Another congregation has been started and is seeking fellowship. The 60 ft. ship is launched and machinery installed. They plan to get the smaller launch out on the river soon.

## SOUTH AMERICA —

Bernhard and Doris Johnson, Brazil, write that spiritual victory has been won in the Assemblies, now numbering one million members. The



The Johnsons, Betty, Doris, Terry and Bernhard

local church has found the Sunday school doubling, a young people's group established, building improvements made, finances climbing and 400 have knelt for salvation. Seven-year-old Beth Ann had a serious liver infection but is improving.

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## Santa Rosa Women Help Orphanage

The Women's Missionary Council of the First Assembly of God in Santa Rosa met in March for their annual banquet. There were 86 dresses on display which the ladies had made for the Latin American Orphanage in Acapulco.

Mrs. C. L. Marsh was present, with little Emi, to take the dresses back to Mexico where they will be worn by children in the orphanage.

The wardrobe was presented by Mrs. Adrian Benning, pastor's wife; Mrs. Emris Evans, W.M.C. president, and Mrs. E. R. Box, chairman of the project. Goldia Anderson was guest speaker for this special occasion which 100 women attended.

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## Evangelists . . . in Our District

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James V. Hughey, a young minister just recently discharged from the Navy, is available for meetings in Northern California and Nevada at this time. He has been active in evangelistic work in the past and held services for the men during his Navy career. Brother Hughey may be contacted at Rt. 4, Box 465, Roseburg, Oregon.

### NEWS FROM CHURCHES —

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#### SACRAMENTO —

Bethel Temple heard Evangelist Louise Nankivell in April. Clyde Henson is pastor.

#### SACRAMENTO —

Capitol Assembly held a groundbreaking ceremony Feb. 21. Two new wings are to be added and a complete remodeling of the present facilities. The pastor is George Elrod.

#### SALINAS —

Alisal Assembly's Men's Fellowship heard Pastor Paul Schoch in March. Robert Renfroe of Liberia was a recent speaker. Joe Wright is pastor.

#### SALINAS —

Calvary Assembly heard Chaplain John W. Dunlop who for 18 years was a missionary. Robert Renfroe was guest speaker Mar. 17. Ray Oliver is pastor.

#### SAN FRANCISCO —

Glad Tidings Temple was host to the March Peninsula C. A. Rally. Robert Fierro was the speaker. The pastor is Floyd Thomas.

#### SAN JOSE —

Calvary Temple enjoyed a revival with Evangelist Eugene Vaale in March. Messages of prophetic interest and an attendance booster of chalk drawings and oil paintings combined to add interest. T. Kermit Jeffrey is pastor.

#### STOCKTON —

Calvary Tabernacle began the new year featuring the Indian Fellowship with George Effman and John McPherson. Following this, Evangelist Eugene Vaale held a two weeks meeting. The Stockton churches united in a training course with Dave Colbert as instructor. Recent speakers were Ben P. Wilson of Fairbanks, Alaska on W.M.C. Day, Julia Perterson, the Musical Moores and Pastor Kelsey Prinzing of Los Gatos for an exchange service. The March C.A. Rally found

**EVANGELISTS DIRECTORY**—A new Directory of Evangelists will be compiled soon and will be ready for distribution to every pastor by August 1. Evangelists who wish to have their names, addresses, and pictures listed should write the Evangelism Department for information.

**NEW HOME NAMED** — The new retirement home under construction in Lakeland, Fla., has been officially named the Bethany Retirement Home by the Executive Presbytery of the Assemblies of God. The Home is to be dedicated in April.

standing room only. Silas Jones was the speaker. Gene Lawrence is the Sectional Representative. Leonard Rogers is pastor.

#### SANTA ROSA —

First Assembly observed their annual Kid's Crusade with Charles Senechal April 17-22. Adrian Benning is pastor.

#### HALF MOON BAY —

Pastor Jeff Hall reports a missionary rally with Paul Pipkin and Paul Demetrus.

#### TRACY —

First Assembly was in revival with Evangelist Silas Jones in March. The pastor is Gene Lawrence.

#### TURLOCK —

Bethel Temple heard R. J. Renfroe from Liberia in March. Willard Cantelon was guest speaker Easter Sunday. Robert Carrington is pastor.

#### WOODLAND —

Pastor R. A. Wilson, Jr. reports missionaries Maurice Luce and Robert Renfroe were recent speakers. Ruth Stiles instructed the W.M.C. in flannelgraph backgrounds for visual aid in March. Woodland and Morgan Hill are in a Sunday school contest. John McPherson held a Kid's Crusade in May.

#### YUBA CITY —

Evangelist Bill Young held a three-weeks revival meeting for Pastor K. C. Carney recently. Several were saved and some received the Holy Spirit. The church and Sunday school have shown steady increase.

#### HOLLISTER —

The Coast Counties Fellowship Meeting was held April 11 with Pastor Charles Shuss. Speakers were Pastor Ray Oliver of Salinas and Pastor Kelsey Prinzing of Los Gatos. Raymond Murray is presbyter.

### BUILDING PROGRAM

(Continued from Page 5)

capacity should remain cognizant of its duty to carry out the wishes of the congregation. One or two strong-minded individualists can fairly wreck havoc in the total program. Church building is a cooperative venture. Committees should know exactly what the church expects them to do, and it is extremely important that in this case specific duties and responsibilities should be assigned, and proper authority given to implement these.

The building committee represents liaison between many interests including the congregation, the pastor, the architect, and the contractor. It will be fully cooperative with the pastor, and in smaller churches especially, he may participate in committee work to a considerable degree, but will never dominate but always remain the shepherd of the flock, primarily the spiritual leader. It is necessary for every church to employ an architect or designer when it is time to erect a new building. The architect should not be regarded as extra expense but as necessary as any other master workman who will be engaged in the building. Inadequate plans are far more costly than the services of the best architect, who should be selected on the basis of his experience and success in church planning and designing.

A building program is a total church effort. Thoughtful organization, actively carried out, can do a great deal toward achieving desired objectives, and smoothing out problems that are sure to arise. Building God's house is often a once-in-a-generation experience, and should convey the utmost meaning to every worshipper.

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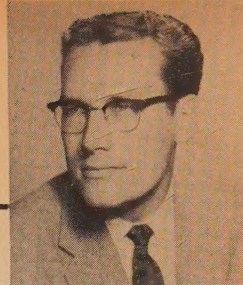
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# Sunday School Department

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## Classroom Discipline

by David C. Colbert

Every teacher must face the challenge of his particular class with confidence. Proper classroom discipline gives evidence of a teacher with confidence.

Improper classroom discipline is usually the reason for lack of understanding among pupils, lack of spirit-

ual results and growth.

Discipline is not corporal punishment involving spanking, arguments, cross words, or any unethical punishments, simply stated — discipline is making disciples. Good discipline is positive discipline. Good discipline grows out of good teacher-student relationship. It is based on mutual love, respect and concern. It will break down barriers to the heart and life of our pupil.

If your classroom discipline is consistent your pupils will want discipline. Discipline must be that discipline that gives the pupils security. You must be fair, firm and friendly with each pupil.

The question is often asked, "What can be done with the discipline problems in my classroom." First, spell out a few simple rules for the class to follow. Be sure the pupils understand each rule. These should include rules that will regulate your class problems, such as — we do not chew gum in class or we do not stand on classroom furniture or we enter the classroom quietly. Include positive rules as much as is possible. Secondly, never allow yourself to become angry, but take firm action at the first sign of deviation from your rules. Thirdly, enforce your rules uniformly. This alleviates having teacher's pets. Remember disobedience does not disappear by ignoring it.

After establishing classroom discipline, look at your class in a positive aspect — *that of making disciples*. Seek to determine the main cause of your discipline problem. Once discovered you are on the way to correcting it. Mr. Frank G. Coleman, author of the book *The Romance of Winning Children*, suggests three

causes of poor discipline. It may be the circumstances in which you teach, it may be a child in your class or it may be you — the teacher.

Good discipline will usually be the result of correcting these three areas of our teaching ministry — the classroom must be a neatly kept classroom with clean walls, curtained windows, proper ventilation and heat. Circumstances such as these can be had in any situation and they land themselves to good discipline. Do your very best in any circumstance.

If a pupil is discovered to be the cause of poor discipline, studies should be made as to his home life, hobbies and interests, his physical and mental abilities and as in any case the spiritual need must be considered and met.

The majority of classroom problems could probably be traced to problem teachers rather than problem students. Children follow examples and teachers not only teach by work but by deed. Children readily follow their leaders in examples of reverence, consistency and faithfulness.

Self examination is needed to see what kind of examples we really are. Teachers must be consistent in every area of the teaching ministry. Consistency requires thoroughness. A teacher must be thorough in preparation for the class. A thoroughly prepared teacher will not keep eyes glued to the lesson quarterly or notes, but will be able to establish good eye contact with the members of the class. This is another step to good discipline. Thorough preparation means that the teacher will be prepared before classtime. This will enable the teacher to be *early* (at least 15 minutes). This time can be used to put things in order, greet the early pupils who crave the teachers fellowship and also a time to help pupils with workbooks or problems. It does not hurt to announce to individuals that you as the teacher will be in the classroom early.

Don't forget to compliment your class for their good work, attention, etc. Don't be a stuffed shirt or a square, but do work without compromise to the principles and methods of Christ for making disciples.



Children are easily influenced, easily moved. That is why it is important to recognize June as Child Evangelism Month. During this month, make special efforts to direct the boys and girls to their Saviour. Plan to include some specific child evangelism activity in your church program. It may be a VBS, a Kid's Crusade, a children's revival, a story hour, or a special emphasis for the children's church. Whatever it is, during June, Child Evangelism Month, win children for Christ.

**JUNE IS  
CHILD EVANGELISM  
MONTH!**

## Superintendent's Message

(Cont. from Last Month)

I will mention very briefly the good Campmeetings which were conducted throughout the District last summer. The attendance was excellent and from all of the reports which came to us, we believe the spiritual tide was unusually high. Shall we all remember to pray for the campmeetings which are now being arranged for this summer? We trust that much spiritual progress will be made through the ministry of the various ministers who will come to us. Every layman and minister would find it tremendously profitable to arrange to attend at least one of the District Campmeetings.

Our Ministers' Institutes in 1959 were well-attended and well-received. Having six of the Institutes throughout the District enabled most of our ministers to attend. Brother C. C. Burnett was the featured speaker and inspired and instructed us in a most challenging manner. Most of us will never forget his messages. Stanley Michael, Promotional Director of "Revivaltime," our Assemblies of God National Radio Voice, was also a speaker and member of the Institute Team. Brother Michael made us all more conscious of the tremendous opportunity and responsibility we have through this world-wide "Revivaltime" voice. I was pleasantly surprised and very grateful when I received a telegram from the General Council a few weeks ago informing me that our District had taken first place in the nation in the increase in number of churches supporting "Revivaltime." As "Revivaltime" Representative in the District, I want to personally and on behalf of "Revivaltime," thank you for the whole-hearted cooperation you are giving to this great work.

In the month of October we conducted what we called a "Planning Council." Even though this was the first attempt to bring all of the District Committees together for such a conclave, it proved to be a success. Our Presbytery in session asked that we provide for another Planning Council in 1960. Its purpose is in the interest of unity, coordination and economy of the entire District operation. Each committee was made aware of each other committee, its problems and successes. We re-oriented ourselves and examined and reevaluated our missions and our motives. Ways were designed whereby we will be able to avoid a duplication of effort and fix our goals toward greater efficiency, effectiveness, and economy. We want to thank our good churches for their help in providing funds to assist with the expense of their members who attended the Planning Council. We firmly believe that 1960 will be a greater year in growth and progress, spiritually and numerically partly because of this "looking ahead" in planning and praying.

The monthly Newsletter, an informant for ministers, has been another effort toward economy, in eliminating many individual letters and in keeping our ministers better informed. Your kind remarks concerning this Newsletter have revealed its good acceptance among you.

We have enjoyed a good gain this year

at home and abroad. There has been added to our church rolls around 1600 new members, giving us a total in the neighborhood of 12,000 church members and approximately 25,000 adult adherents in our local churches in the District. This is not a 100% representation as there are some churches which have not reported. Our reported Sunday School attendance is now nearing the 32,000 mark. Our total missions giving, exclusive of District Home Missions, has reached the astronomical sum of nearly one-half million dollars during the year. All of this speaks of vision, prayers, work, and sacrifice.

Of every dollar recorded in our District records this past year, 76.975% (almost 77 cents) went to Missions and Benevolences. 8.193% (a little over 8 cents) went to Edu-

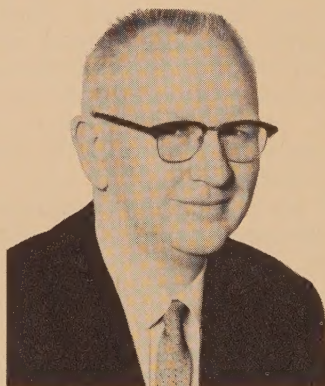
cation and Youth. 6.778% (about 8% cents) for Pastoral and Ministries, while only 4.368% (less than 5 cents) was used for Operational Expenses and 3.686% (a little over 3% cents) for Property and Maintenance. You will agree with me that this is truly a commendable report. A copy of this breakdown has been passed out to you in your convention packet.

Now, all of these things speak primarily of the past, where we have been and what we have done — they are in retrospect. Let us be quick to learn from the past and chart our course for the future. "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I (we) press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

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ministers. Many of these precious workers are still imbued with the fire of Pentecost, are mature men of experience, full of wisdom and understanding. They are capable of bringing to your church a ministry of *stability and strength and vision* which we cannot afford to lose from our movement. Shall we give them the glad hand of welcome and afford them an opportunity to minister in whatever capacity may be available to them? We will be the losers in rich spiritual benefits if we allow our elder brothers to be placed on the shelf. There is room for all in the providence of God.

We, as a District, have the privilege of placing and integrating into our program, many of the fine young men and women who are being graduated from Bethany Bible College each year. We sincerely appreciate the very fine reception which has been given them in the past in our churches throughout the District. We are confident that this practice will continue in the future. Last year, it was possible for us to help locate in some ministry, practically every graduate who came to us for assistance.

As we continue to look ahead we realize that there is still much to be done. Here are but a few objectives for our consideration. Some of them we hope to see developed in the near future. Others are a part of *long-range planning* and project into the foreseeable future, if Jesus tarries.

1. Special Days of Prayer have been established by the Presbytery for 1960.

2. A District-Wide Membership drive will be conducted in connection with the program of the General Council for new church members. This must be accomplished without weakening our firm stand on church membership requirements and standards.

3. An even greater emphasis is being placed upon **WORLD MISSIONS** with a District-wide tour in the Fall of World Missions Conventions. This, of course, includes not only Foreign Missions but our own Home Missions program.

4. A District-wide church tithing drive program will be conducted. This is to enlist each church member as a tither in his own church. Certificates will be presented by the District to each church enlisting 100% of its members as tithers for 1961.

5. Chaplaincy coverage must be studied and provided not only in the military but in civilian institutions, hospitals and industry. We *MUST* take our message everywhere.

6. A study of Church Administration with an eye toward maximum spiritual successes and efficiency at maximum expense.

7. We need to provide student centers and boarding houses near State colleges and universities. A Haven of Rest, especially for our Assemblies of God young people who are attending these schools and where in some instances, their faith is being strongly challenged. As more of our young people seek higher education for their professions, this need will become increasingly great.

8. Rescue Missions in our large cities are still a great open door for soul-winning and

## FROM OUR CONSTITUTION

### Section 3. New Assemblies.

a. Whenever one of our Ministers or a group of our people desire to establish a new church in any community, the minister or the leader of the group shall contact the Sectional Presbyter and the District Superintendent. The District Superintendent, or his representative, and the Presbyter shall meet in conference with the said minister or leader for consultation about the advisability of such proposal.

b. In the event the proposed development is to be in close proximity to an existing Assembly the pastor or pastors shall be consulted before consent is given to starting and determining the final location of the new work.

c. If there should be disagreement about the opening of the new church a board of mediation shall be convened consisting of the District Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Sectional Presbyter and the three pastors nearest to the proposed location. The minister or the leader of the group shall be invited to present his proposition.

d. The mediation board shall use the following procedure for the basis of judgement:

1. The natural geographical boundaries such as rivers, mountains, free-ways, sub-divisions, etc.

2. Concentration of population, population trends, etc.

3. Outreach of existing assemblies.

e. After prayerful consideration of all facts in the case, the board of mediation shall render its decision and deliver the same to the responsible party.

f. The decision of the Board of Mediation shall be final unless it is reversed by an appeal to the District Presbytery.

g. Accurate minutes, in triplicate, shall be kept of all hearings.

1. One copy shall be sent to the District Secretary.

2. One copy shall be kept by the Sectional Presbyter.

3. One copy shall be given to the minister or group leader involved.

h. A group which severs its relationship from an existing Assembly because of some difference of opinion with regard to matters of faith or discipline within the parent body shall follow the above outlined procedure.

i. 1. Groups refusing to comply with the recommendation of the Board of Mediation shall jeopardize their status and affiliation with the Assemblies of God.

2. Ministers shall be disciplined according to Article VII, Section 6 of Bylaws.

j. Independent or other churches applying for recognition as an affiliated Assembly of God church shall be approved in the same manner as that of new churches applying for approval.

k. 1. The District Council shall take an unfavorable attitude against any minister who has formerly pastored in an area, returning to said locality to start a new church, unless he has been given permission by the even man Mediation Board.

2. Any minister who refuses to accept the recommendation of the Mediation Board or the District Presbytery in the matter of establishing a new Assembly shall be disciplined according to Article VII, Section 6 of the Bylaws.

3. Any group that has withdrawn from an established assembly for the purpose of beginning a new church without mutual agreement from the parent body or having first obtained the approval of the above Mediation Board is disapproved.

should not be overlooked.

9. A Retirement Home for our Senior Citizens is becoming a very pressing need in view of our present economic and social structure. Who is going to provide adequate homes for the aged of our constituency if we don't? Some of our districts are already ahead of us on this.

10. Children's Homes and Boys' Ranches are needed to provide care and love and training for unfortunate children and orphans from Northern California and Nevada and from across the seas.

These and other goals are being considered for the future of our District as the time is right and the programs workable. Study groups are even now working on some of these future programs.

Now, my dear friends, as your District Superintendent, I have endeavored to point out in part, the far-reaching responsibilities which rest upon the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, the combined forces of the Assemblies of God, the Northern California and Nevada District, and upon each one of us as individual believers. If we are

to accomplish a spiritual mission by spiritual means, we will be keenly aware of the demand placed upon us — that we be spiritual. We rejoice in the plan of God which enables us by the power of the Holy Ghost to be joined with the supernatural and divine resources of an all-powerful God for an ill-important task.

May I admonish you that we all endeavor to live within the bonds of the love and fellowship of Christ. Even as the early church was distinguished by her reputation of members loving one another — so may all men know that we are Christ's by our love for the brethren. A love which will cause us to esteem the other better than himself, to give honor one to the other, to be concerned for the welfare of our Brothers in Christ. May a self-effacing, self-sacrificing, Spirit-filled life be a distinguishing mark and our motivating force the "love of God" outpoured in humble devotion and service to Christ and His Church. For "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13:35). ♦End

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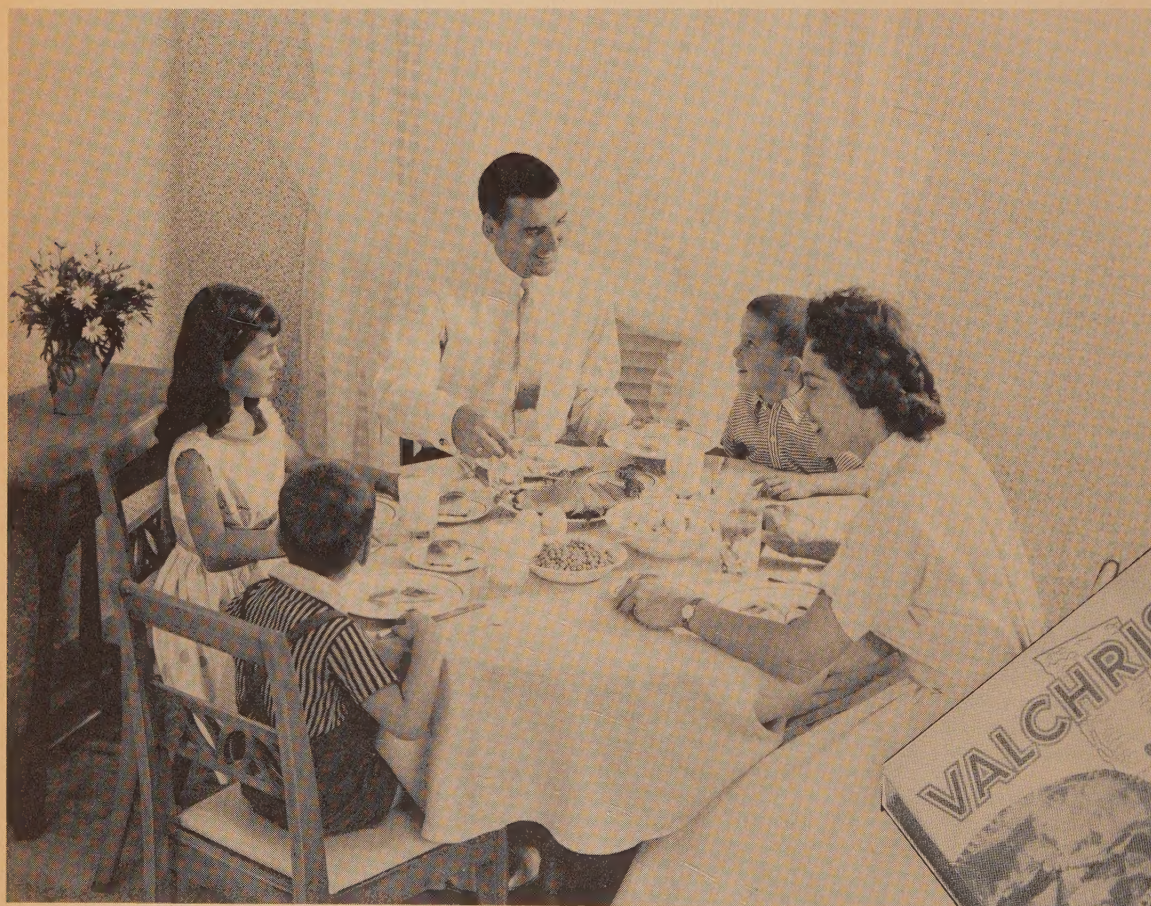
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